

# **Board of Sumter County Commissioners**

## **Division of Planning & Development**

### **Building Services Department**

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## **SUMTER COUNTY CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD August 4, 2009 @ 6:00 PM**

**Staff Present:** County Attorney Derrill McAteer, Bob Kegan - Building Official, Chief Plans Examiner - Bill Dixon, and Alysia Akins - Code Enforcement/Licensing Coordinator.

**Board Members Present:** Ken House - Chairman, Gary Smith - Vice-Chairman, Lorenzo Brooks, Tangie Staton, Bill Costner, Scott Bowling, Charlie Flores, Patrick Daugherty, and Steve Rooney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Staton questioned her name being included on the 7/7/09 agenda since she was not present at that meeting. Attorney McAteer commented on the credit report discussion in the 7/7/09 minutes and requested tonight's minutes reflect a discrepancy in the 7/7/09 minutes regarding him providing a copy of a credit report.

Mr. Rooney moved to enter the minutes of the 7/7/09 meeting into the record with the above mentioned changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costner and the motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) *Applicant Name: Biehl, Vincent P*  
*Company Name: Solar Trek, Inc*  
*Trade: Solar Energy Specialty Contractor*

The applicant was not present. The applicant was issued a temporary approval letter on 7/21/09 by the Building Department and staff recommended approval of the competency card request. There was no discussion from the Board.

Mr. Bowling moved to grant the applicant a competency card. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Inspector Lee Hartman arrived at 6:10 PM.

- 2) *Applicant Name: Walton, John R*  
*Company Name: Paul LaFrance Electrical Services*  
*Trade: Electrical Contractor*

The applicant was present and sworn in. Staff recommended approval of the competency card request. Mr. Rooney questioned whether the applicant has done any work previously in Sumter County. Mr. House questioned the identity of John R Walton and John R Walton III, who are one in the same. Mr. Walton stated he is the license holder and will oversee all jobs. Mr. Costner asked for clarification on the checklist information provided with the application.

Mr. Costner moved to grant the applicant a competency card. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Mr. McAteer discussed the current Licensing Ordinance regarding credit reports and financial history and read the ordinance verbiage into the record. Mr. Rooney discussed Social Security numbers and credit report histories. Mr. Bowling discussed the Financial Officer's responsibilities. Mr. Kegan stated each entity has to qualify their credit history and comply with the ordinance requirements, in which the ordinance covers most issues; however, it is always open to discussion. Mr. Smith discussed unincorporated entities and corporations with tax ID numbers. Mr. Kegan stated corporations require QB (Qualifying Business) licenses. Mr. Rooney discussed sole proprietorships and LLC entities. Mr. Rooney expressed his concerns regarding an applicant's previous corporation's credit histories. Mr. Kegan discussed the upcoming background check requirements from DBPR (Department of Business & Professional Regulation) which can provide information regarding license issues, disciplinary actions, and complaint history. Mr. McAteer and Mr. Kegan discussed avenues of research for possible purgery on licensing applications. Mr. Kegan and the Board members discussed corporations dissolving and starting new ones and how involved DBPR becomes in those types of issues.

Mr. Rooney stated he is a local contractor and is losing jobs due to unlicensed and unpermitted activities and questioned Board member rights. Mr. McAteer stated the Board members should not be involved in "field work". Mrs. Staton asked about the proper procedure regarding complaints. Mr. Hartman submitted the newly adopted citations to the Board members for their review. Mr. Smith questioned "Handyman" requirements. Mr. Kegan discussed the citation policy as well as the penalties/fines included. Mr. Smith asked about owner/builder requirements. Mr. Rooney stated he has utilized the County's website and had filed a code complaint online.

Mr. House discussed the numerous years of service Martha Oliver provided to the Board and the proper recognition she deserves.

Mrs. Staton moved to adjourn, and Mr. Costner seconded the motion.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.